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SUBJ: CHADIAN AMBASSADOR ALINGUE'S VISIT TO EXIMBANK REGARDING GTE
EARTH SATELLITE STATION

AMBASSADOR ALINGUE VISITED EXIMBANK ON JULY 8 TO INQUIRE AS TO THE STATUS OF EXIMBANK'S QUOTE RECONSIDERATION UNQUOTE OF GTE'S APPLICATION FOR EARTH STATELLITE STATION PREVIOUSLY DENIED BY EXIMBANK. HE WAS ADVISED THAT EXIMBANK WAS AWARE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION UNDER PREPARATION BY ARTHUR D. LITTLE BUT THAT EXIMBANK HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT EXIMBANK WAS AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROJECT TO CHAD'S DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF CHAD, ITS DEPENDENCE ON EXTERNAL AID AND THE FACT THAT SOME \$10 MILLION OF EXTERNAL DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS ARE IN ARREARAGES (ACCORDING TO WORLD BANK SOURCES) EXIMBANK'S STAFF COULD NOT GIVE ANY ENCOURAGEMENT AS TO FAVORABLE EXIMBANK RECONSIDERATION, REGARDLESS OF THE FINDINGS OF THE LITTLE REPORT. KISSINGER

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